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SUBJ: SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT - MRS. VANCE

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1. EMBASSY PROPOSES SCHEDULE FOR MRS. VANCE CONSISTING OF LUNCHEON IN HER HONOR WHICH MRS. SILVEIRA WISHES TO HOST (SEE SEPTEL) FOLLOWED BY APPROXIMATELY TWO-HOUR PROGRAM. WITH RESPECT TO REFTEL EXAMPLE OF INTERESTS IN BRASILIA, NEW OPERA HOUSE (I.E., NATIONAL THEATER)

NOT YET READY. OPERA ASSOCIATION IS ALREADY IN OPERATION BUT, SINCE 1978 OPERA SEASON STILL IN PLANNING STAGE, NO REHEARSALS ARE BEING HELD BEFORE MARCH, 1978. ALTERNATIVE EMBASSY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW.

2. SINCE ONE OF MOST INTERESTING ASPECTS OF BRASILIA IS ITS ARCHITECTURE, OUR FIRST SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO MEET WITH ARCHITECT JOAO FILGUEIRAS LIMA, RIGHT ARM OF ARCHITECT OSCAR NIEMEYER AND TOP BRAZILIAN ARCHITECT, VERY MUCH INVOLVED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF BRASILIA. FILGUEIRAS LIMA WOULD EXPLAIN "IN LOCO" PORBLEMS, CONCEPTION, TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAIN ARCHITECTURAL LANDMARKS OF BRASILIA, FOR INSTANCE, CATHEDRAL, ITRMARATY PALACE, ALVORADA PALACE. ALSO, PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE VISIT TO NATIONAL THEATER BEING REBUILT AND COMPLETED FOR 1978 INAUGURATION. THIS WOULD NOT BE A SIGHT-CONFIDENTIAL

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SEEING TOUR BUT FOCUS ON SPECIFIC ARCHITECTURAL ASPECTS, TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS IN ALL.

3. VISIT TO BRASILIA MUSIC SCHOOL. OF SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL, AFFILIATED WITH UNIVERSITY OF BRASILIA, THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC PREPARES ITS 3,000 STUDENTS ON VOCATIONAL/PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS TO PURSUE CAREERS AS PRACTICAL MUSICIANS.

IT HAS THREE STUDENT CHOIRS, THREE BANDS, OWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. DYNAMIC DIRECTOR LEVINO ALCANTARA AND FACULTY WOULD MEET WITH MRS. VANCE TO SHOW SCHOOL, VISIT CLASSROOMS, MEET SOME OF STUDENTS, ATTEND CHOIR REHEARSAL. SCHOOL HAS PRESENTED SEVERAL AMERICAN MUSICANS, RAPHAEL HILLYER, ANN SCHEIN, AMERICAN BRASS QUINTET, AMONG OTHERS. HAS ANNUAL SUMMER MUSIC COURSE WHICH WILL HAVE AMERICAN DONALD ZEGELER ON FACULTY FOR 1978. VISIT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS.

- 4. VISIT TO STUDIOS OF WELL KNOWN SCULPTER RUBEN VALENTIM AND PAINTER GLENIO BIANCHETTI. TIME: APPROXIMATELY 1-1/2 HOURS.
- 5. MRS. VANCE CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE KATHLEEN SCHLOEDER, DIRECTOR OF CASA THOMAS JEFFERSON (US CULTURAL CENTER). SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FSL ASTA-ROSA ALCAIDE OF CASA THOMAS JEFFERSON. BOTH ARE KNOWN TO MRS. VANCE FROM PREVIOUS VISIT LAST JUNE. CRIMMINS

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